



**Ho Ho Ho!** Welcome to the December edition of the Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

#### **New Ham Welcome Session - December 5th, Stratford Town Center**

Happy December, everyone! With it being so close to Christmas, we decided to change it up a little this month. Instead of our monthly meeting, Brent, VY2HF, and Ricardo, VY2AN, are kindly organizing a very special new ham welcome event on Tuesday, December 5th, at 7:00 P.M. (1900 hrs) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Center on Shakespeare Drive. Although the focus is on all new and soon-to-be ham radio operators, everyone is welcome to attend. It's a great way to meet other ham radio enthusiasts and make new friends.

Some of the topics Brent and Ricardo will cover include:

- How to set up and operate your ham radio station
- How to participate in contests and events
- How to join and support the ham radio community
- How to have fun and enjoy your hobby

We will send out an email with more information about this event over the next few days. In the meantime, if you have any other topics you would like covered, please let us know.

#### **Holiday Social - December 8th, Magic Wok Restaurant on Maypoint Road**

This year's Christmas dinner will be again held at the Magic Wok on Maypoint Road in Charlottetown. They have resumed their buffet service which was not available to us last year. As the buffet closes at 8 P.M., we suggest a start time of 5:30 P.M. Anyone who would like to attend, please let Bill, VY2WM, know by Sunday, December 3rd, so he can confirm numbers with the restaurant. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **New Hams - Welcome to the Club and the Hobby!**

Huge congratulations to all the new ham radio operators, 9 in total so far! Great job on passing your exam. And a HUGE thank you to Brent, VY2HF, Bill, VY2WM, and Joel, VY2KW, for taking

the time to teach another course! We are so pleased to be able to welcome so many new hams to the club and are looking forward to getting to know you better. In case any of you have missed it, we're currently holding a special newbie net every Wednesday on the VE1CRA repeater(s) starting at 7:30 P.M. (1930 hrs). This is for you to get used to speaking on the air and using your radios.

### **Next Exam Session - December 9th, PEI Flying Association club room at the Charlottetown Airport**

Brent, VY2HF, is offering another exam session on Saturday afternoon, December 9th, at 1:30 P.M. (1330 hrs) for anyone who wasn't able to write their exam at the earlier dates or would like to improve their score. As always, exams are free. If you would like to take advantage of this additional exam session, then please get in contact with Brent, VY2HF, as soon as possible.

### **Islandwide 2M Christmas Net - Possible Date: Sunday, December 17th**

We're currently trying to organize a special islandwide Christmas net on 2M together with the Summerside club. The idea is for our children and grandchildren, perhaps even the neighbour's kids, to be able to check in with Santa to see how his holiday preparations are going and to let him know some last minute Christmas wishes. We'll be emailing you with some more information as soon as possible, as we would need to find a Santa and have an idea of how many kids would likely want to check in.

**RAC Winter Contest** on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 Meters, both CW and Phone. This year the contest runs from 0000-2359 UTC on December 30th, which is actually 20:00 Friday evening (the 29th) to 19:59 Saturday evening (the 30th) local time. The contest exchange is RS(T), and your province - and the return exchange from non-Canadian stations is RS(T) and a serial number. More information and contest rules can be found at

[https://www.rac.ca/mivahih/2023/11/CanadaWinterContest2023\\_Rules\\_eng.pdf](https://www.rac.ca/mivahih/2023/11/CanadaWinterContest2023_Rules_eng.pdf)

### **Meetings and Events Calendar - December**

2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)  
4: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW  
5: New Ham Operators Welcome Event  
6, 13, 20, 27: Wednesday night Newbies 2M net, 7:30 P.M. (1930) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)  
6, 13, 20, 27: Wednesday night regular 2M net, 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)  
7, 14, 21, 28: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 7:00 P.M. (2000)  
8: Holiday Social and Dinner at the Magic Wok on Maypoint Rd from 5:30 P.M. (1730) to 8:00 P.M. (2000)

### **Future Events**

2 January: Annual General CARC meeting plus monthly meeting, Stratford Town Center

Help Us Out!

Do you have something you would like to contribute to this newsletter? Drop us an email at [secretary@charlottetownarc.com](mailto:secretary@charlottetownarc.com).